

## **Missouri Department of Corrections**

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TO: Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board

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RE: RULES THAT MAY IMPACT SMALL BUSINESS

- 14 CSR 10-5.020, Private Sector/Prison Industry Certification Program. There was a section in this rule that helped Offenders gain work skills that could possibly help small businesses if they were allowed to be included in this program, however, the rules are vague and don't necessarily leave out, or include, small business.
- 14 CSR 10-5.020 Private Sector/Prison Industry Certification Program. There are a number of requirements for assurances from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. These requirements are made to meet the federal requirements for a PIE program (Prison Industries Enterprise). A PIE program is a partnership between Corrections and a small business designed to allow a small business to utilize prison workers for their small business (for example, inmates could manufacture fish hooks inside prison for a small business). The rules are onerous, but were not written by nor do they originate from the Department of Corrections. These standards are set at a federal level. If the PIE requirements change at the federal level, then these requirements could potentially loosen up.
- 11 CSR 40-2.025 Installation Permits. This will impact Missouri Vocational Enterprises (MVE) the most, but it also impacts small businesses. If the small business wants to have a steam kettle, it will cost them \$70 per year and require a permit. This rule could be a little onerous.

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